

Information received from the Sen Francisco Field Division by letter dated December 12, 1946, reflected that a confidential informant in San Francisco, advised on Nevember 22, 1846, that

The following information reflects the association of VECONIL HILL with advised that the control of the control

bad asked WEGENTA HILL whether and her troupe were in her associated with VIRGINIA HILL and HENJAMIN SIERE and has been frequently seen in their company, VIRGINIA HILL replied to the question in the negative and a tated that she was alone and further stated that she had a gun.

made contacted one let which time was advised the was in Los angeles and that was from New York; that he was betting 60 to 70 thousand dollars a day on football, fights and basketball and that he was good for an easy touch. Same source advised that immediately contacted other individuals in an effort to determine the background of any had also contacted BENSIDGE; by long distance at which time BEN advised to "loave", that he is smart enough to take care of himself.

New Jersey, in regard to that advised that advised that was a big time operator and that little guy? (believed to be MEYER LINSKY) has a guy named phonetic) who is in with lets that out?

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Considerable information concerning this character has been submitted in various crime survey memorands and in the CAPCA and HENJAMIN "BUCSY" SIGGET cases. As has been stated in those sections of this report entitled JACK IRAGNA and has been spark-plugging the wire service among Los angeles book safers recently. He has hired a body-mark, a former Los Angeles Police Lieutemant now retired, called upon the Chief of Police in Los Angeles recently antiinformed the Police Department that it was being placed on active to the affect that he has staying out of the City of Los Angeles and that he, he throwledge of the fact that the Police Department intended doing away with and that if any act befell he Police Department would be held responsible.

as a result of this Chief of Police HORMAIL called in several officers, who are working on the second and advised them to be aread at all times. Consequently, a "feud" of a sort has developed and the Police Department seems theroughly enraged at this turn of events.

has had frequent contact with the big time gambler who has been mentioned elsewhere in this report. He also has been meintaining frequent contacts with the family which is connected with the in Cloveland, Chio.



On December http:// ontacted an individual named who said that he was leaving and would stop and munload that sturr. It will be recalled that in the section of this report under SINGEL where information is set forth concerning the narcotics traffic, the stetement is made that is a narcotic peddler who is the source of upply.

telephone call from carried on a conversation she told him ste had had a good time in New York and that would be back next week. Stated that saeveral changes have been made since that BENNY SIECEL think took place. It is not here now and would be back

agreed to oil the next week.

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EWELRY ROBBERT

The following information reflects a Jewelry robbery which cocurred at the Sunset Plaza Apartments at 1220 Sunset Plaza Drive, Hollywood.

On the night of New-

amber 16th between 8:35 p.m. and 1:15 a.m. the apartment of

was burglarised. Approminately 220 CM 37 worth of jewelry was taken. Among items taken was one very rare dark blue star seppuire, 25 carats, set in platinum mounting, heavy man's type. waluation \$7:00,00; also a set including a pair of cuff links, four west buttons and pwo shirt study, sat in square shape with begette diamonds on surrounding edge and clood ruby in center, value \$2500,00. On November 21, 1946, by teletype from the Salt Like City directed to the Bureau and to Los Angeles information is set forth reflecting that BEN SIEGEL's body guard and gurman appeared at Las Vegas, Nevada, with jewelry which answers the description of the jewelry taken from the Sunset Plaza and from tim of the burglary. Further information obtained from Las Vegas, Nevada, from confidential informant and other sources reflected that had departed from Las Vegas to Los Appeles prior to the date of the burglary and had returned to Las Vegas shortly thereafter in possession of the jewelry. Further investigation and contemplation of arrests in regard to this violation is being considered. .

The following information concerning VIRGINIA HILL, BEN SIEGEL and their associates was furnished by

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SAN PRANCISCO FINID DIVISION

At San Proposico, California

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NEW YORK PIELD DIVISION

At New York, Eew York

will obtain information concerning

mation should be specifically developed which might point to narcotics traffic on the part of this individual.

The same lead is set out concerning an individual named

Till submit additional information concerning the firm of

Any indication that this firm is engaged in the narcotics traffic is most important.

Since JOE ADONIS and FRANK COSTELLO are apparently close friends of SIEGET, investigation should be undertaken to determine whether the syndicate there is engaged in the narcotic traffic.

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any information tending to develope facts that this material is traveling interstrite is of importance.

Will continue closs scruting of the activities of BEN SIRGEL. and will develope information concerning VIRGINIA HILL, determining whether they are engaged in the narcotic traffic.

Will attempt to identify and locate llegedly a narcotic dealer and attempt to develope information concerning the connection between and SINGEL.

CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

At Cleveland Chio

will obtain information concerning in who recently called Los Angeles to talk to SIEGEL and spoke to DRAWN in the former's absence. Any connection has with the narcovics racket is important.

The Cleveland office will also attempt to identify all of whom are friendly vidual who allegedly owns a fighter named with DRAGNA.

Will obtain information concerning the activities of

tion indicating any connection cotics recket is highly important. or any of these persons with the nar-

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BISOO FIELD DEVISION

At San Diego, California

Till identify the following individuals all of whose names are given whometically and furnish the background and present activities of these characters; all of these individuals are allegedly friends of IRAWA in that city.

INDIAN POLIS FORLD DIVISION

At Infayette, Indiana

Will identify

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will continue its investigation of and his activities. It will be recalled that the 3cr Francisco office has developed information indicating that it is involved in the narcotics racket and that in his recent trip to San Francisco

is involved in the parcolics traffic.

a close friend of "BUCSY" SIEGEL

DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

it Detroit, Michigan

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Will identify all three of these characters had contact with DRACHA when they were in Les Angeles

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The Datroit office will bear in mind that investigation so far tends to indicate cortain of these people are engaged in the narcotics traffic. LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

is los ingeles, California

At Beverly Hills, California

Will identify

At Los Angeles, California

Will consider taking the necessary steps to have has furnished additional information and it is thought that continued contact with him will result in further information concerning SIEGEL and the narcotics racket.

At Long Beach, California

Lt Los angeles, California

Will maintain contact with

Will identify

Mill interview

The same day was the same investigate the tin-up between Will maintain pentact with nd other sources of information. mill downto further information concerning the activities of friend of BOOST FIRML and VIRGINL HILL. Will attempt in develope a confidential source that can give further burgiary and part in that crime. information concerning Will develops partinent facts concerning elong the lines looking toward a preservior for falsely claiming citizenship. A copy of this report is being designated for the Cincinnati office inasmuch as has connections throughout the state of Ohio.



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TITLE: BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, Was.

SPECIAL AGENT:

DATE: 12/20/46

CHARACTER OF CASE: MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING-CRIME SUR-VEY; L.A.F.D.

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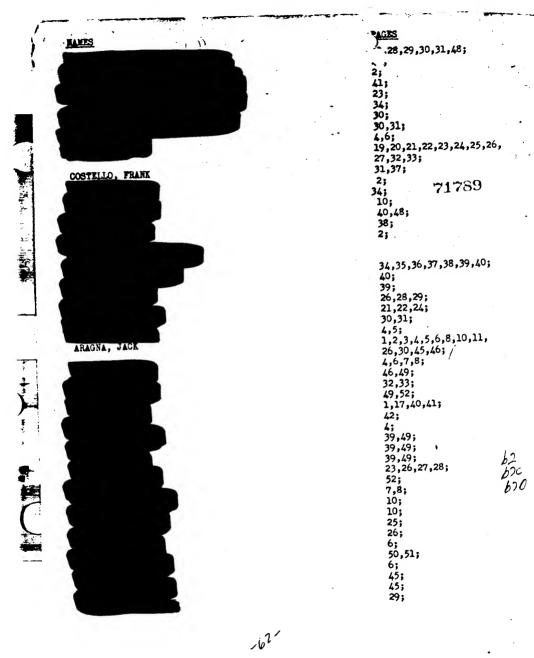
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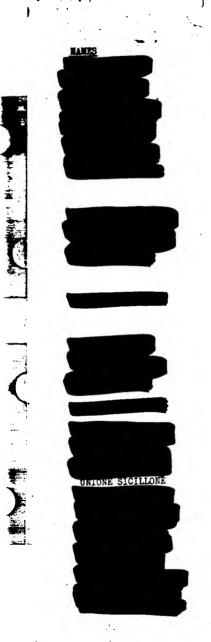
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United States Bepartment of Justice Mederal Eureau of Investigation Los Angeles, California January 21, 1947



JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: SIEGEL, with aliases

Character of Case Miscellaneous Field Office Los Angeles Symbol Number Type of Surveillance: (Technical or Microphone) Technical

1. Subject's name and address:

2. Location of technical operation: Same

 Dates of initial authorization and installation: July 15, 1946. nstalled

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4. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places): Installed July 15, 1946 and discontinued October 17, 1916. Installed November 18, 1946

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Specific valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and what use was made of each item of information involved: Information as to activities and his associates in connection with Transamerica Wire Service and his close affiliation with BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL.

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- Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?
- 7. Has security factor changed since installation?
- 8. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency): No
- 9. Manpower and costs involved: No extra personnel needed.

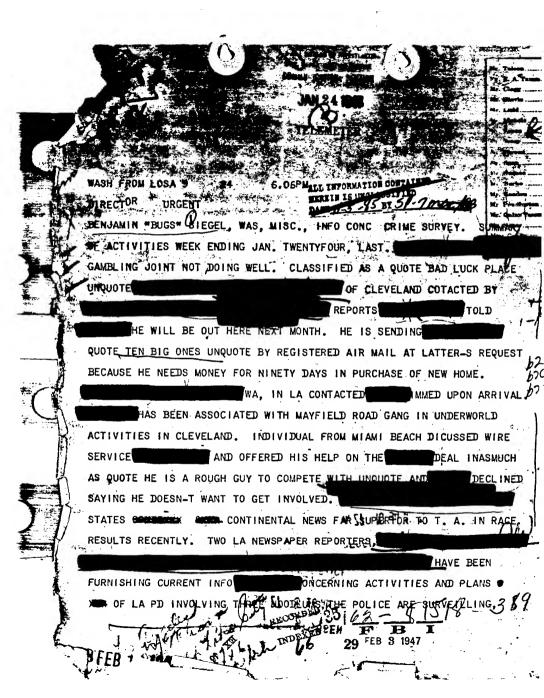
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- 10. Remarks (By SAC): It is my recommendation that this technical surveillance be continued. This man is BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL'S lieutement, performs his errands for him, conducts many of his business affairs, has attempted to bribe track officials and has obviously engaged in activities for the interests of SIEGEL. In addition he frequently has conferences at his apartment with leaders in gangster activities in this area. Much of this information has come to us as result of the technical and I feel that it should be continued.
- 11. Remarks (added at Seat of Government):

12. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

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13. Recommendation by the Assistants to the Director:



DE LAND. RECIATIVE OF THIS INFO AND BET DATE FOR NEXT HONDAY TO GIVE THEIR QUOTE WAIL UNQUOTE. INDIVIDUAL, DEFERED BUGAR STAMPS AT ELEVEN DOLLARS PER HUNDRED POUNDS. IN A DISCUSSION AS TO WHY ACTIVITIES WERE SLOW MENTIONED QUOTE THE OPIUM ACT UNQUOTE AND STATED HE EXPECTED STATES CONSTDERABLE MONEY NEXT WEEK. CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN A NEW CAR NARCOTICS AGENTS STATE MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH WAS. A KNOWN OPIUM KNOWN NARCOTICS PEDDLER, AND THAT IN PEDDLING SMOKER. IS DEFINITELY ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES ARE CONNECTED WITH THOSE OF NARCOTICS AND THAT BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL. BUT FEDERAL NARCOTIC BUREAU AT PRESENT IS UNABLE TO MAKE CASE. SURVEILLANCE AT RESIDENCE REVEALS CAR PARKED IN DRIVE. BELONGING TO AS THANKED PROFUSELY FOR OBTAINING THE FROM A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE CHATEAU MARMOUNT APT. A LETTER SENT TO VIRGINIA HILL S APPRECIATION FOR SIEGEL-S KINDNESS TO HER, ADDING THAT IS ONE OF QUOTE HER SONS UNQUOTE AND IF SHE COULD DO ANYTHING FOR SIEGEL WHO WAS REFERRED TO AS BAB Y BLUE EYES TO LET HER KNOWN. SIEGEL RETURNED TO LA JAN. TWO TWO, LAST, AND REFLECTED THAT SURVEILLANCE ON JAN. TWO THREE, LAST. SIEGEL DRIVES FORTYSIX CADILLAC SEDAN, CALIF.

ENT MANORIT, REGISTERED TO GEORGE RAFT THE ACTOR. THAT HE WOULD DEPART FOR LAS YEGAS MAN TWO ADVISED SIEGEL MAUGHT LINDEN DR . . SEVERLY HILLS, CALIF .. THAT MOTION PICTURE PRODUCER AND HOODLUM CONTACT, WAS VERY DESIROUS OF CONTACTING SIEGEL BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM LA. CONFIDEN-TIAL INFORMANT ADVISES JACK-DRAGNA HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH " MAR' REFERRED TO BY DRAGNA IN LA. HAS HAD MEETING WITH DRAGNA HAS COMPLETED ARRANGEMENTS TO TELEMENT REINSTALL LOOKOUT AT SANTA ANITA RACE TRACK, COMMENCING JAN. TWO FIVE, NEXT. TWO NEW MEN OPERATING IN HOUSE NEAR TRACK AND ONE MAN  $b^{\gamma \omega}$ INSIDE TRACK SIGNALLING. INFO RECD THAT HOUSE HAS TELESCOPE. INFORMANT ADVISES DRAGNA HAS QUOTE FIXED UP UNQUOTE THE DA-S OFFICE AND AN ARCADIA, CALIF, POLICEMAN. DRAGNA DOES NOT ANTICIPATE FURTHER ARRESTS. RETURNED LA JAN. TWENTYONE. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES ADVISE THAT CONTACTS SAYS HE MAY BE QUOTE ABLE TO GIVE UNQUOTE COMETHING. SAYS QUOTE THAT GUY UNQUOTE NAME UN-KNOWN QUOTE MADE A MILLION UNQUOTE IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS, HAS ONLY AND SCRATCH SHEET AND GREEN QUESTIONS WHETHER THEY CAN QUOTE GET TO HIM UNQUOTE. SUBSEQUENTLY CON-SAYS HE IS LEAVING IN COUPLE OF DAYS. QUESTIONS WHETHER THAT QUOTE GUY UNQUOTE TACTED IS STILL IN TOWN. MENTIONS THE NAME

EPEATEDLY TRIES DASUCCESSFULLY IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING OF JAN. TWENTYFOUR INSTANT TO CONTACT HO IS AT THE HOLLYWOOD ROOSEVELT INALLY WIRES REQUESTS HIM TO CALL QUOTE VERY IMPORTANT UNQUOTE. HE SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTS ADVISES : OF THE ABOVE. TELLS HIM THEY-LL MEET MENTIONS QUOTE DEAL UNQUOTE AND NEW PROPERTY REPEATEDLY MENTIONSQUOTE SHOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE -- IT-LL TAKE TWO OR THREE DAYS AND POSITIVELY NOBODY MUST KNOW ABOUT IT NOT EVEN AGREES TO MEET LATER CONTACTS UNABLE TO COVER MEET TO DETERMINE VICTIMIOR THE NATURE OF THE QUOTE IN RESIDENCE REFERENCE, TO CASINO AT LAS VEGAS. DEAL UNQUOTE. MENTIONS QUOTE ISN-T PLAYING THAT UNQUOTE. SAYS THAT IS FRIENDLY QUOTE TOWARD US UNQUOTE. HOWEVER, QUOTE IF HE WINS HE-LL HURT US UNQUOTE. - CON. SOURCE ALSO ADVISE THAT WAS WITH BENJAMIN" BUGS" SIEGEL UNTIL ELEVEN O-CLOCK ON JAN. TWENTYONE LAST. ADVISED THAT HE WAS DRIVING TO LAS VEGAS AND WAS GOING QUOTE TO TAKE A LITTLE MONEY UP! THERE UNQUOTE

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BEREIN IS WHOLASO 157.545 BISP. A Committee of the Comm INCREAL ANDORS INFORMATION CONCREMENT - CREME SHOW sference is made to Salt Lake City teletype dated D which it is stated that the may have intermetion relative to the payers of Broward County, Florida, officials and other information concerning the seasonal plans of the gembling element there. Imquiry revealed that there is no Hollywood News published in Hollywood, Florida, but that there are two weekly newspapers, one being the Hollywood Hereld and the other known as the "Sun Tatler" me abiliyacon marain 18 consideren a sensational paper, more or less a scandal sheet. Both of these men are said to be middle age. There is no indication that they have in the past been close to the gembling situation in Broward County. information was furnished to the Salt lake City Field Division by teletype January 7, 1947, suggesting that they might re-contact the informant for additional information. With reference to the gambling situation mentioned in the Salt Lake City teletype, gambling activities have not ceased in Broward County and at that time were not epened in Dade County. Some of the gambling establishments did open on Saturday January 11, 1947, in Dade County. With reference to teletypes dated December 27, 1946, and January 30 1947, from the Salt Lake City Field Division concerning ownership of a house in Miami Beach, Florida, by a VIRGINIA WHIL, it was determined that on February 8, 1946, VIRGINIA HILL purchased the following described property: Lot #1, Block 1D of Island #1. Sunset Island, Miami Beach, Florida, which is recorded in Plat Book #40, page 8, of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida, #together with all the furniture, fixtures and equipment located on the premises of the above property. The address of VIRGINIA HILL was given as in care of COPIES DESTROYED 44 NOV 16 1964 3 1947

Letter to Mirector, FRI

January 29, 1947

The deed to this property was filed March 4, 1946, and is in Deed Record Book #2641, page 4D9, Dade County, Florida. The consideration expressed in the deed is \$10. and other valuable consideration but the tax stamps on the deed indicate that the purchase price was \$49,500.

On January 13, 1947, Ocean View Postal Station, Mismi, Florida, advised that he had been carrying mail to this address since March 1946 and that no one has been living there. Occasionally mail comes for VIRGINIA HILL which he puts in the mail box and a colored maid who is there frequently apparently takes care of this mail as she takes it in and it is never forwarded through him.

stated that he would observe mail coming to this address in  $b^{\infty}$  the future and any persons who might take residence thereat.

It is noted that there are only a few houses in the vicinity, this being an exclusive neighborhood.

Reference is sade to Chicago teletypes dated January 6th and 10th, 1947, concerning and to Chicago letter dated January 9, 1946, wherein it is stated first bookmaker friend of VIRGINIA HILL, is reported to be presently in Miami, Florida. This has not been verified to date but efforts are being made in the investigation of jewel theft activities to ascertain the location and activities

cc: Salt Lake City Los Angeles Chicago

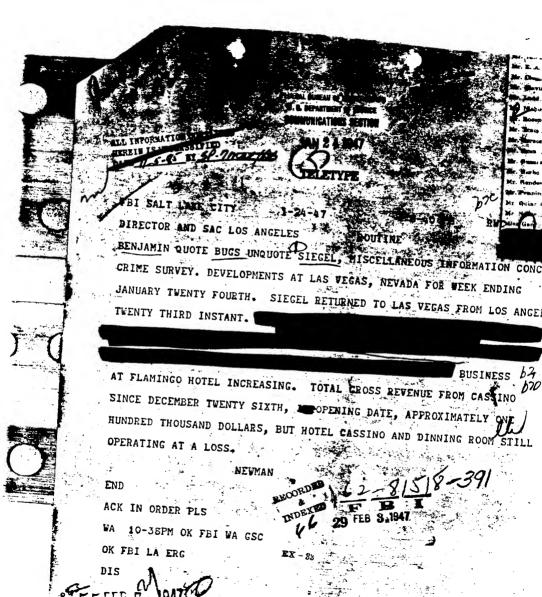
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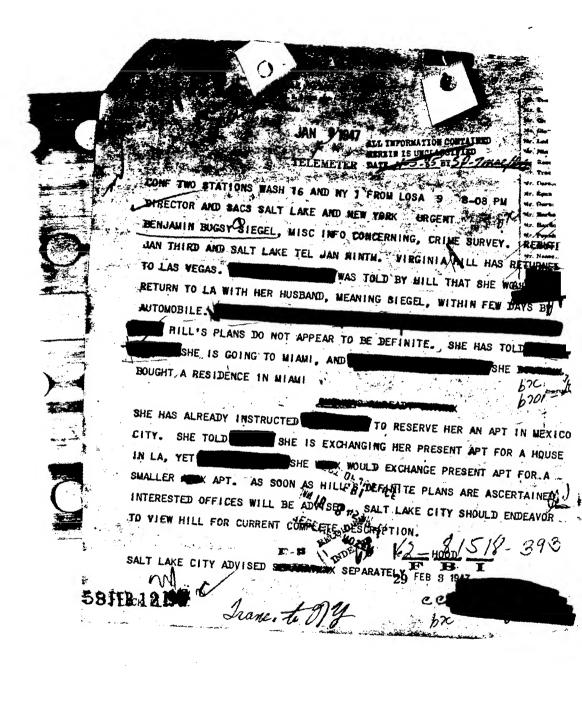
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RE BENJAMIN BUGSY SIEGEL, INFORMATION CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY NOW .. RE REQUESTED PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH ME WHICH WILL BE ARRANGED WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS TO WARNUSS SOME OTHER MATTERS. THORKED !

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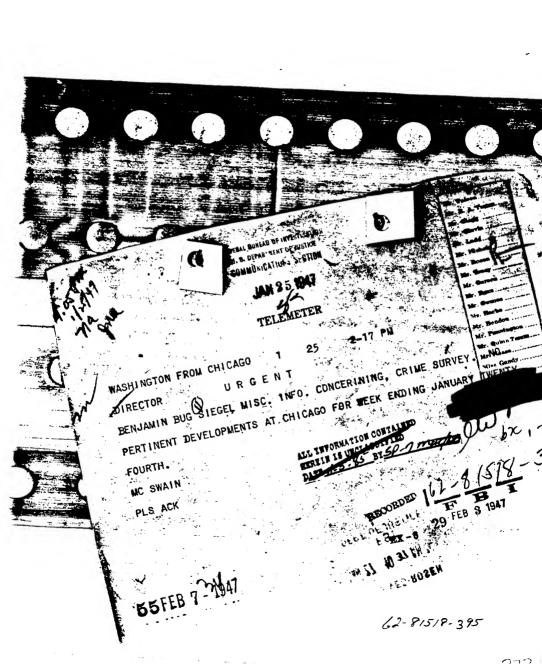
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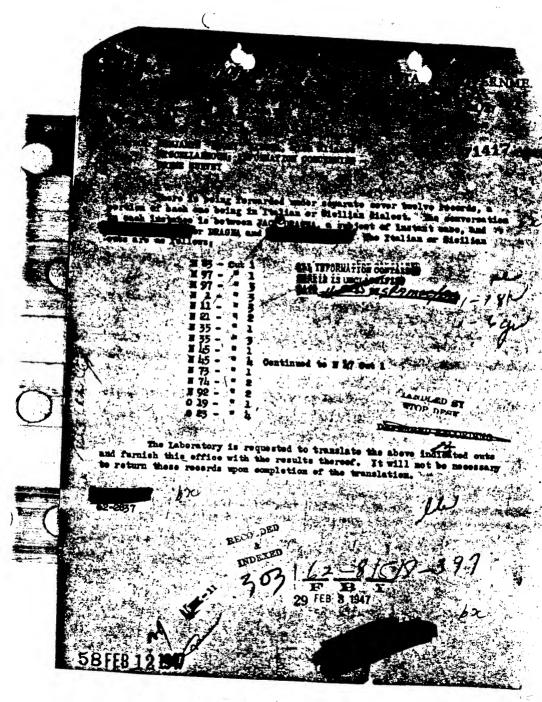
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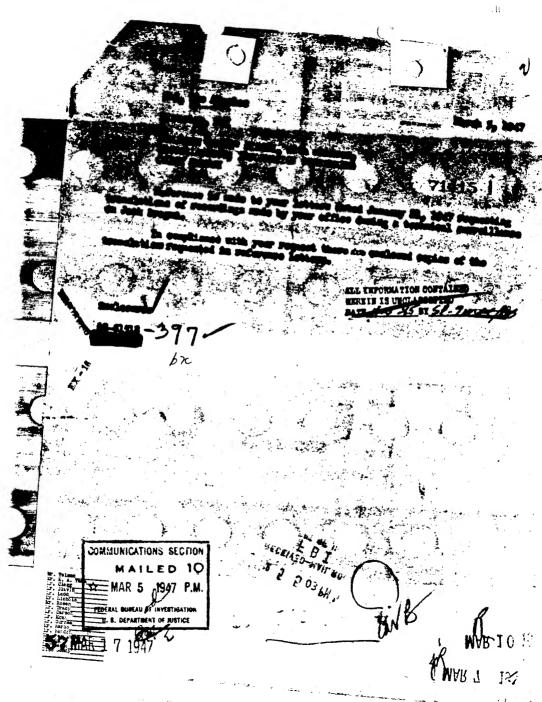
The attention of Special Agent in Charge Hood of the Los Angeles Division was called to the Bureau's teletype of January 17, 1947, instructing the Salt Lake City and los Angeles Field Divisions to discontinue technicals on this case, particularly with reference to the instructions relative to the return of agents working on this case as a special.

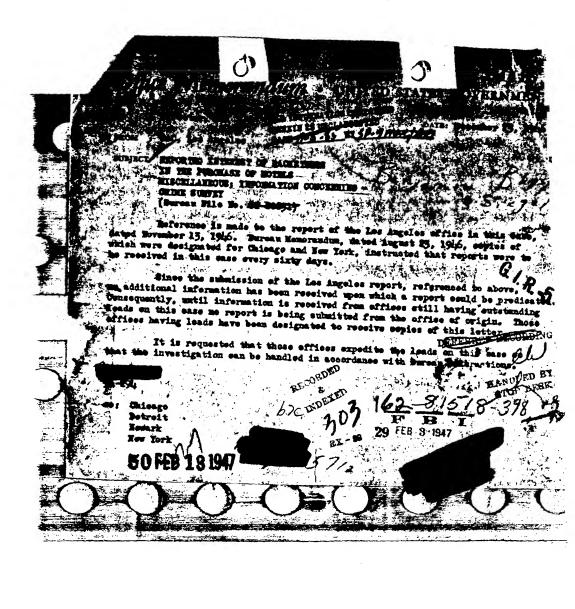
Hood inquired as to the reason the Bureau had instructed investigation in this case be discontinued and was advised because investigation to date had failed to reflect a violation within the jurisdiction of the Bureau. He stated that the technicals presently in operation on the associates of Siegel which have been operated in connection with the General Crime Survey program would be discontinued inasmuch as the information developed therefrom pertained exclusively to Siegel's operations.



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### united States Bepartment of Junice Rederal Bureau of Investigation Los Angeles 13, California ,

January 20, 1947



RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

> Title BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, W.E.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

Character of Case Miscellaneous /deField Office Los Angeles Symbol Number

Type of Serveillance (Technical or Microphone) Miorophone

1. Name and address of subject:

Location of technical operation:

3. Other technical surveillances on same subject: Technical Surveillance

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special meetings which subject has in his home approximately two

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5. Adequacy of security: Security would be good.

6. Type of case involved: is being investigated in connection with his activities as the lieutenant of BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, nationally known range ter.

7. Connection or status of subject in the case: The subject represents BENJAMIN "EUGSY" SIEGEL in all of his business transactions and also arranges for meetings of other outstanding hoodlums coming to Los Angeles in his apartment. He has also been connected by "fingering a jewelry burglary" which is now being investigated by this and the Salt Lake City Office. He also acts for the hoodlum interests in bribing various officials.

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8. Specific information being sought: The specific purpose for this microphone installation would be to cover meetings which has in his apartment. Through the technical surveillance now in existence we have learned of occasional meetings which he calls in his apartment attended by such hoodlumg as and JACK DRAGMA. It is hoped that through the microphone streillance the plans and programs of these individuals will be made known to this office. It is anticipated that they will discuss projects in violation of the laws not only of the State but probably of the Federal Government and it is believed that this will be the only means available to us to determine what these

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9. Mean talk about in this the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance: Experience has shown that most of the meetings of this group of underworld characters are held in apartment rather than in some public meeting place or someone else's apartment where members of the family might overhear their conversation. lives alone.

10. Importance of case and subject: This case is considered one of the most important to the Bureau as BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL.

DRAGNA and others associated with them practically control the Facketeering

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and underworld activities in the West and to a large degree influence the activities throughout America.

11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means (Explain in detail): So far it has not been possible to develop any informant close enough to DRAGMA or others who would be able to report on conversations these men have together in apartment. It is doubtful that anyone outside their close circle knows what is going on in these meetings.

12. Risks of detection involved; The risks of detection are negligible.

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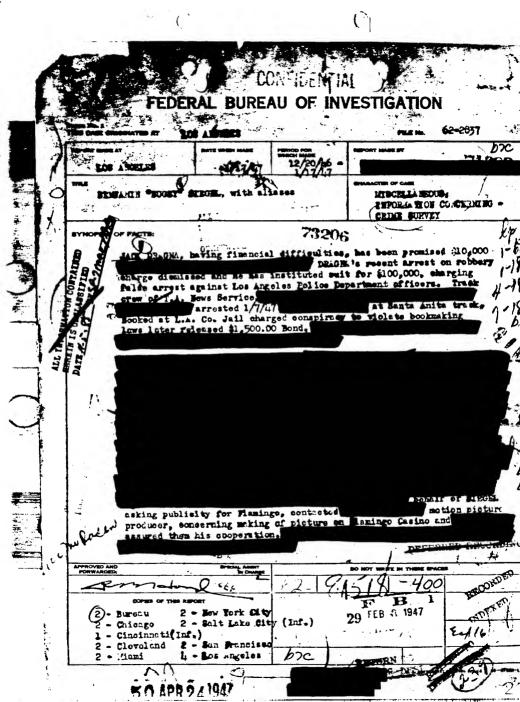
- 13. Probable length of technical surveillance: 90 Days.
- 14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency (name specific official, title and agency): None.

15. Remarks: It is requested that the Bureau immediately authorize installation of this microphone and that this office be advised by teletype.

16. Recommendation of Assistant Director: It is recommended that installation be made. Memorandum submitted.

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17. Recommendation of Assistants to the Director:



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Report of Special Agent December 20, 1946. Los angeles, dated

DETAILS:

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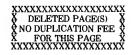
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use the new service. Said that BENN TEGEL is the notural head of the
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on the same date.

In an effort to lopate the three sen in any of the jells in the satropolitan area, so that thoy sould be bailed wat, inquired whether he talked to that the did and that the parests. From the same source; it was ascertained that the parests, the parests were sate on the outside of the track, indicating that the arrests were said on the outside of the track, indicating that the arrests were said universely the work of the D.A. sa affice and not the security track office.

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FROM DECEMBER 20, 1946 to JANUARY 9, 1947:

It was ascertained from that was going to leave for ins Tegas on the morning of Desember 26, 1916 and attend the opening of the Mamingo Casino there. From the same source, it was ascertained that prior to his leaving had been in contact with ECORGE RAPT, and many other Hollywood celebrities, inviting them in behalf of BEN NIEGEL to attend the opening of the Mamingo Casino.

on December 21, 1916 it was ascertained from the was in telephonic communication with BEN SIEGE, at Las Vegas at which time asked the "kid" asked to the same date and the wanted to find out about the furs and stuff. The was asked to the furs asked to the furs and stuff.

RAFT and questioned RAFT concerning the purchase of furs At this time asked whether the furs were "warm" to which RAFT stated that they were not.

On January 3. 1917 For the freturned from Las Vegas and it was likewise ascertained on January 4, 1947 that VIRGINIA HILL was in the City of Los Angeles. A Confidential source advised that had contacted by the common of the co

On January 4, 1947 in conversation with partner with BEN SIEGEL in the Flamingo Hotel and Casino, was advised that the new Mamingo Casino operations were not too successful and that BEN SIEGEL was acting like a prima donna. He further stated that the Riamingo did not have proper publicity in the line of entertaining. They further stated that lots of people were complaining about the Casino being filled with a "bunch of tight lipped gummen." stated that "the atmosphere is not friendly and the boys

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satisfactors and sime book publicity for the Flandingo Casind. He has contacted FR WINATE in an appearance at the Planding Casind.

in behalf of BEN SIEVEL for the purpose of producing a motion plotter of the Manings Casino For nationwide publicity, At this time havised that he was leaving for Cube, but would return in a period of the weak that he was leaving possible to back the Manings Casino by usin his mane, movie stars and motion pictures. It was an interest that he was en million per sput behind them and that he would back them. From the same conversation, it was ascertained that the phonetic was hired by EEN SIECEL as the publicity man for the Flamings westno resently.

contacted and that he requested to get him a ticket on the Constellation for New York on the night of January 13, 1947.

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### LACK DRAGNA'S ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION, VI'TH THE TRANSAMERICA MEN'S SERVICE:

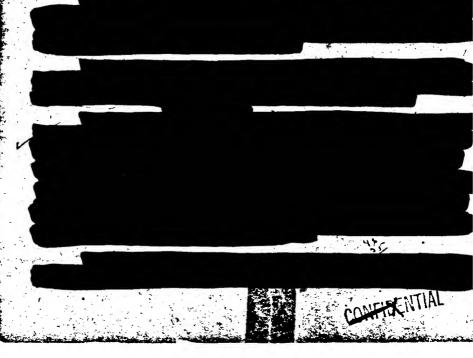
The following information was furnished by the inclusion otherwise specifically indicated. DRAGNA contines to be very active in obtaining new subscribers for his wise service in the Los Angelss area; however, he recently has had considerable difficulty, particularly with respect to service in San Francisco and Sun Diego. According to informant, DRAGNA is continuously trying to obtain more money from Chicago interests by advising that source that the wire service isn't paying expenses and that unless more money is furnished the fee for the service will have to be increased.

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In this semestic Digital on December 20, 100 contested in Michael Static Infile was having a great deal of trouble and the less types are sent in the less angeles Police Department while attending he institute for fight is believed. Danda teld that he was not wing them but later it had been acceptained that through his attorneys he had that he had a more song to which the first for 100,000,000 against the arresting efficers. MANNA advised that he had a more song to which the series of less policy that he was having arothle all ever and suggested to DEAGES, that he sut sown on the printing of his shoots. Intermed DEAGES, that he was not the country further that none of the individuals somewhat with Transamerica had been paying him recently. The DEAGES stated that he had \$25,000 in the wire service and that he needs the shoot cannot be dearny everybody and told DEAGES that it was up to the

individuals someoted with the wire service to pay him at regular intervals.

Advised BRAGNA that they are smalls to sperate when they lose considers money and suggested that they might have to close the West Coast because it was costing five or six thousand dollars a week.



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mercin is set cut information that on November 10, 1916 JACK DRAGMA had contacted who were registering at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

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JACK DRAGNA: Information emcoraing this individual will be set out in detail elsewhere in this report, but he and have had frequent contacts. bx COMMENTIAL



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Botel in New York City and that should have tell SIEGEI in Las Vegas, Sevada, After several attempts to contact at the Savoy Plana Hotel in New York City, he ascertained that stage presently staying at the Commodore Hotel in New York City and sent telegram, advising him to call SIEGEI by telephone at the Flumingo or the Last Prontier Hotel in Las Vegas. Subsequently advised SIEGEI that he had obtained the following reservation for VIRGINIA HILL: Might 60, TWA Constellation, leaving Los Angeles 9:30 P.M., January 13, 1947, arriving New York City 10:20 A.M., January 14, 1946.

On January 8, 1947, advised that SIEGEL was having trouble in Las Vegas, Nevada because the local Las Vegas businessmen were banding together against SIEGEL and were refusing to have anything to do with him or his associates. believed that SIEGEL might possibly have some license trouble as result in Las Vegas,

#### VIRGINIA HILL

at the Chateau Karmont, 8221 Sunset Blvd. Apartment 6-D. on January L. 1917 and D.

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#### further advised that WIRGINIA HILL had

purchased a residence in Mismi, Morido in the exclusive residential section called Sunset Islands, Mismi Beach. Boon her recent return from Las Vegas, VIRGINIA BILL Edvised

On January 7, 1947, VIRGINA HILL advised that she would depart to Las Vegas, Ecvada at midnight, January 7, 1946, and would return with "her husband" the next day or two by automobile.

On January 6, 1917, Special Agents
observed as unidentified individual, believed to be
brother to VIRGINIA HILL, driving BENJAHIN "BUGSY" SIECEL'S 1916 Cirysler
Convertible Sedan, California Linense 87 U 3141, on Sunset Boulevers
individual parked SIECEL's automobile in front of the Chatton Marinet Agent
on this date and went to apartment tol.

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In ponnection with the same case, Agents contacted who is known to have been friendly with BENJAHIN "BUGSI"
SIEGEL is connection with the building of the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas. Bureau

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January L. 1947. advised that VIRSINIA MILL had contacte and requested him to pay for the rent of spartment 6-D at the Chitten inmont, the advised that the epartment with her and that SIEGEL had wanted her to go to les vegas with who was going to New York City from Las Vogas in the immediate future. Thereis Hill definitely indicated that she did not like Las Yegrs, Mevada, and that she must so to Floride and will be on her way soon, She added that had advised SIEGEL that would stay in Los ingeles until pened her engagement at the Floringo Hotel in Las Young.

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had invited VIRIAL HILL to visit them.

VIRGINIA MILL indicated that she did not know what SIEGEL wanted in connection with the leasing of the operations at the Chatteeu Marmont apartments and instructed that he should contact STECKL to determine if they should would hinge on VIRGINIA HILL's departure. She stated definitely that she would be leaving Los ingeles before the 15th of January.

In a subsequent conversation between VIRGINIA HILL and on January 7, 1947 VIRGINIA HILL st. ted that she had reconfly been at Slapsy Maxie's Night Club and had met obtaining his telephone number. VIRGINIA RILL added that SIEGH wented to talk to VIRGINL. HILL added that SIEGEL was very upset because had sent a publicity agent to ask him information encorning the Floringo Hotel. She added that SIEGEL has hired one and had chased the agent away from the hotel. In a gesting manner stated that before long SIEGEL would be out in front of IAVIER CUGAT directing the band. VIRGINIA HILL added that SIEGEL had been having much trouble signing up entertainers at the Flamingo dotel. She udded that SIEGEL has wanted to alose the place, but VIRGINIA MILL had advised him not to. 'AILL stated that she had reportedly told SIEGEL that he should bring a manager from How York City who knows how to run a night club in order to operate the Maningo Hotel. She was cortain that SIEGEL would not care very much about the Mamingo Hotel, but imasmuch as other interests were behind him in it "he hadto sero." In this connection she added that SIEGH stated that he will probably have to kill himself in the end and she advised him that he would not have to because she would hide him. The exect meening of this point of the ponversation gould not be determined, by the informant, but it is believed that VIRGIAL HILL was referring to individuals who were backing SIEGEL.



Trace six soil seried that she was going to move into a new house on kindsh Srive which is approximately one-half block off of Sannet Boulewre in Nest ice ingeles. In this connection she stated that she sould not have to pay much money for the house because she was exchanging it to another.

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Reference is made to previous information furnished

by Bureau Agents and possibly developed as an informant concerning SIEGH's activities in connection with narcotics,

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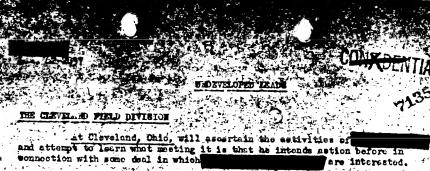


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It appears that prestige and comer locally stems from his Cleveland connections and it is significant that following visit here is now attempting to buy himself an isolated residence. The allegation has been made in the past that acts as a front for the syndis in Los angeles and the Cleveland Office should bear this in mind in conducting its investigations. The Los angeles Office is still of the opinion that marcotics may be an important phase of the activities of this mob.

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t present is believed to be a key rights in this investigation and his activities should be thoroughly sovered, especially along the line of hereoties and levely.

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#### THE HIM! MELD DIVISION

At Hiami, Florida, will ascertain the activities and sontacts of has set forth in Los angeles teletype, dated January 17, 1947.

### THE BAN PRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At San Francisco, California, will investigate the activities and contacts of It is pointed out that she may be possibly engaged in make allowery and she is a person of primary importance in this investigation.

#### THE NO! YOUR CLTY PRELD DIVISION

At New York City, will identify

or steel.

Will ascertain the identity and activities of who is registered at either the Commadore or the Savoy Plaza Motel to determine what his association might be with BEN SIEGHL.

#### THE LOS ANGELES MELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California, will identify and establish the nature of his dealings

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Will continue to vigorously investigate the activities of VIRGINIA HILL and BENJAHIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL.

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Two copies of this report are being designated for the Salt Lake Sity Field Division inasmuch as SIEGEL spends practically all of his time at the Flamingo Hotel.

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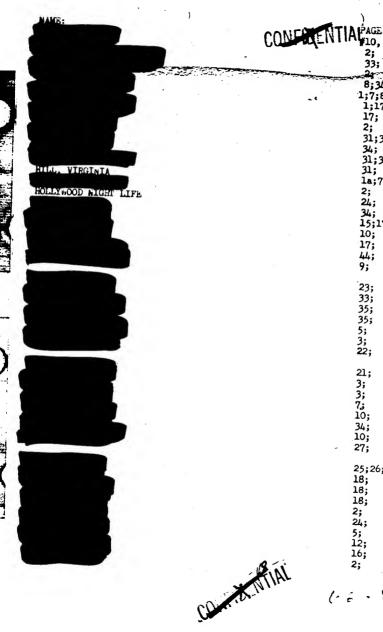
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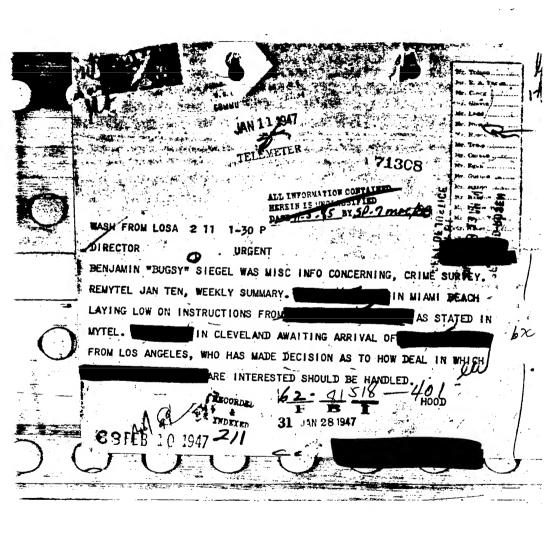
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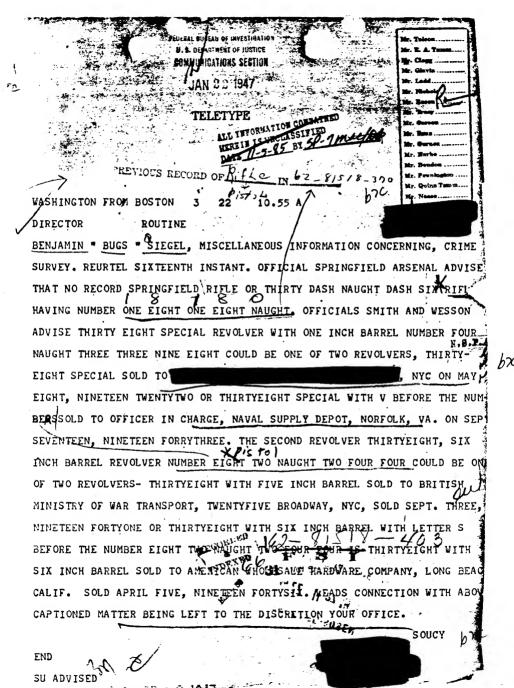
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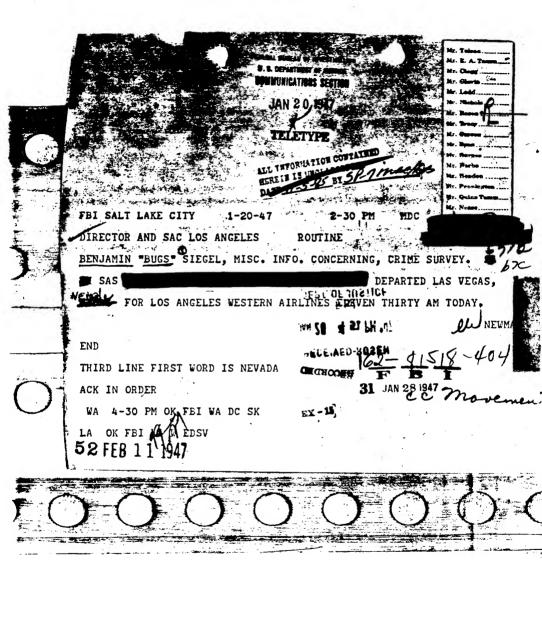
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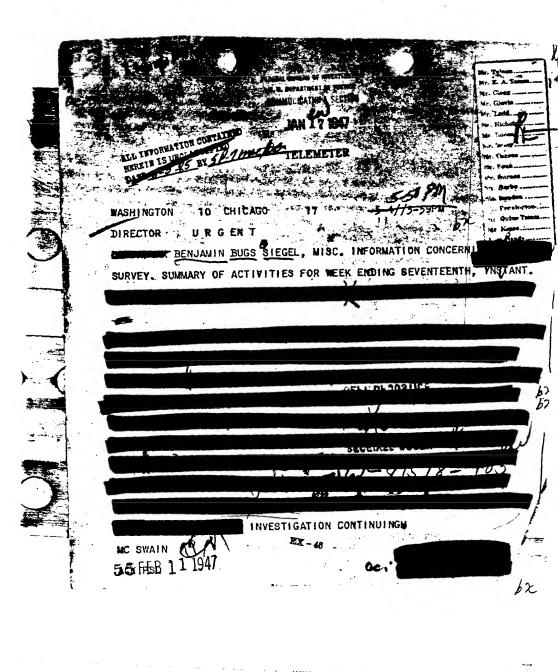






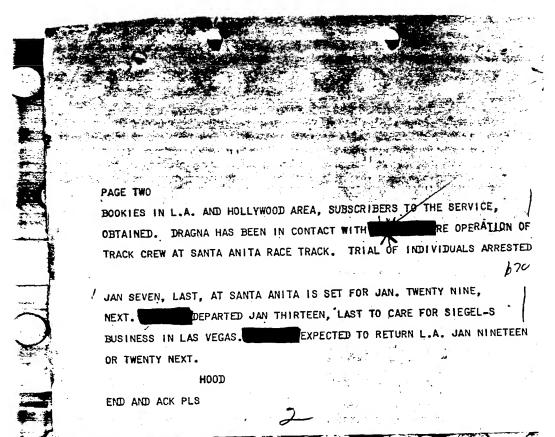
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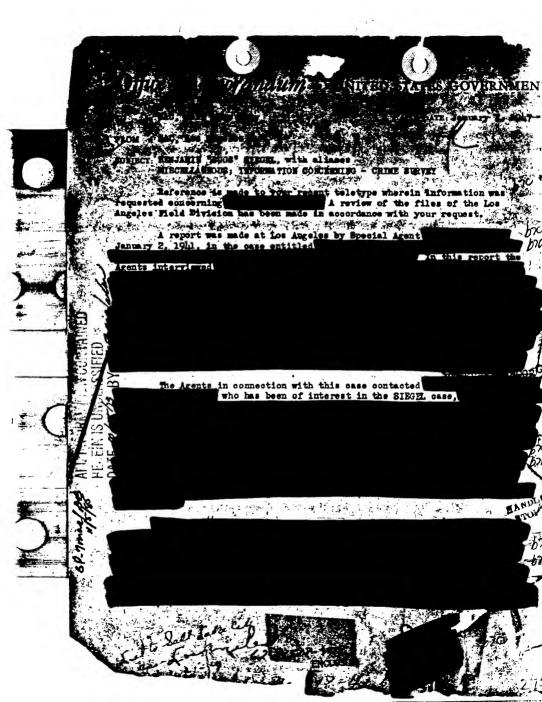


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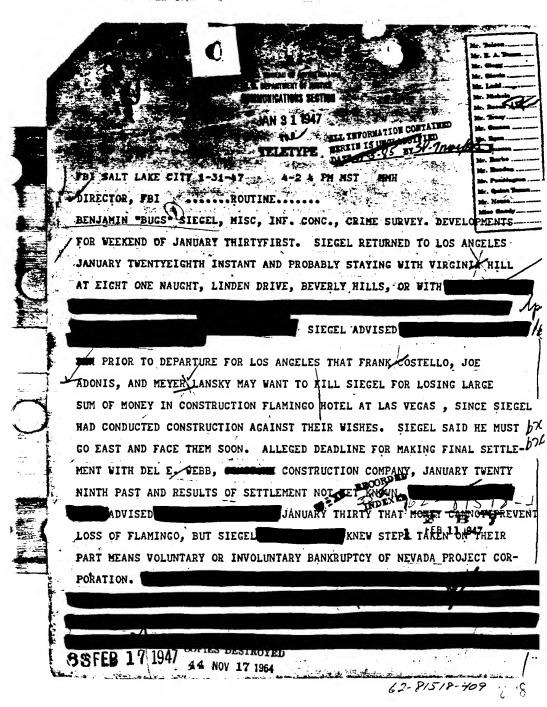




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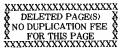


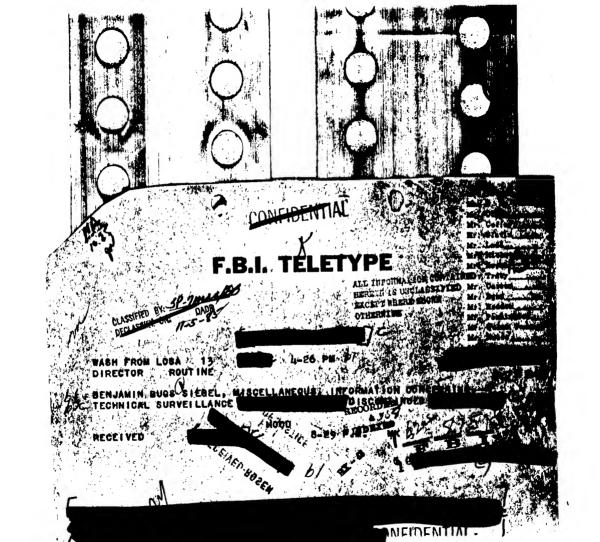
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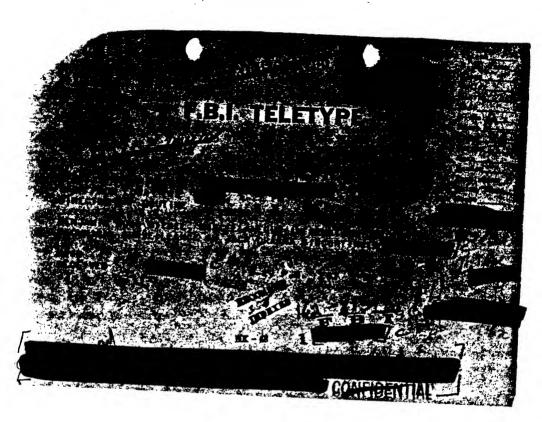
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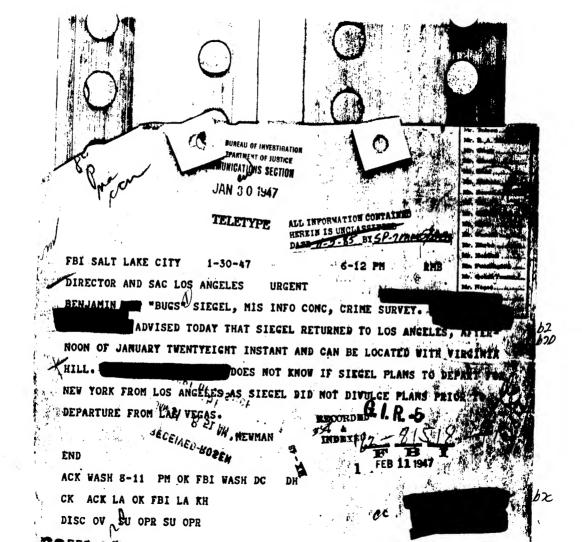


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301 Continental Sank Building Salt Lake City, 1, Utah Pebruary 6, 1947

MAL INFORMATION INC.

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Re: BESJANIE "BUGS" SIEGEL, Was, MISCELLAMOUS; IMPORMATION CONCREMING - CRIME BURYEY

Dear Bire

Reference is made to my teletype to the Bureau and Les Angeles dated Pebruary 5, 1947, setting forth information regarding 132 the contemplated closing of the Planing Sotel at Las Vegas, Nevada 1976

It is noted that the last sentence of my teletype reads "Will Bureau and LA advise of further developments." This sentence is a typographical error and should have read "Will keep Bureau and LA advised of further developments."

Since receipt of the Les Angeles teletype of February 4, 1947, this effice will conduct no farther investigation in this case and is presently preparing an EUC report of investigation previously made which is yet unranorted. However, such information furnished from time to time thick may be of interest to the Bureau and other offices will be submitted as received.

Yery truly yours,

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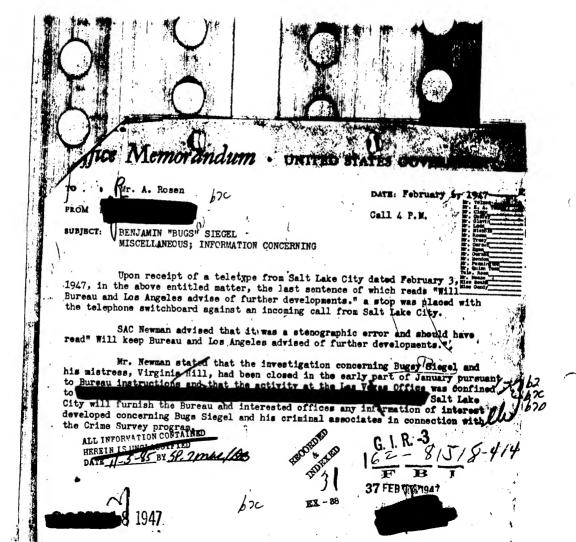
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